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	(ii) Master of Dental Surgery	
	(a) Periodontia	MDS (Periodontia), Kuvempu
	(b) Conservative Dentistry	MDS (Conservative Dentistry), Kuvempu
	(c) Oral & Maxillo-facial Surgery	MDS (Oral & Maxiollofacial Surgery), Kuvempu
	(d) Orthodontics	MDS (Orthodontics), Kuvempu
	(e) Prosthetic Dentistry	MDS (Prosthetic Dentistry), Kuvempu

[English]

Prithvi Missile

110. PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA:

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reports published in Washington Post that India has deployed missiles along the borders with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether India has denied the reports;

(c) whether the main purpose of the report published was to create ill-will between India and Pakistan and also to sabotage the talks between the two countries;

(d) whether any enquiry has been made as to how this information was leaked to the US agency; and

(e) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM SHERVANI): (a) to (e) A Statement issued by Government in this regard, on 14 June, 1997 categorically stating that Prithvi missiles have not been deployed is attached.

Statement

We have seen the recent series of Washington Post reports regarding alleged deployment of Prithvi missiles near the Pakistan border. Government have already categorically stated that Prithvi missiles have not been deployed. We equally categorically reject other aspects of the Washington Post reports regarding details of diplomatic exchanges with the United States as false, mischievous and motivated.

The Washington Post stories do not make any secret of the fact that they are based on selective leaks from intelligence and official sources in the US. It has been our experience that such stories are tendentious, planted deliberately to create confusion. It is not Government's practice to dignify such stories by commenting on them in any detail.

It is Government's clear policy that decisions regarding Prithvi or other such matters, will be taken in the light of our independent foreign policy and on the basis of our security perceptions." It has been pointed out that there is no imminent threat, and thus no reason for deployment.

14 June 1997

Delhi.

[Translation]

Child Labourers Engaged at Ganga Barrage

111. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that child labourers have been engaged at Ganga Barrage (Kanpur, U.P.) by displaying placard around their neck and are being paid Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 per day after working for 8-10 hours daily;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to liberate child labourers; and

(c) the time frame chalked out for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that no child labour was found working at the Ganga Barrage site during surprise inspection by team of Labour enforcement officers

of the State Government in February and again in March, 1997.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Review of Infrastructure

112. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the infrastructure facilities to be given to those who are involved in the privatisation of essential services in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the spheres in which such reviews are to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) and (b) The review of various infrastructure sectors/facilities is a continuous process. Considering the huge demand for infrastructure facilities and constraint of resources Government will only be able to provide a part of total requirement. It is, therefore, necessary to involve private sector in provision of infrastructure facilities. However, the scope of private sector participation depends upon the characteristics of individual infrastructure sector. There are certain infrastructure sectors where the gestation period is long and immediate pay back cannot be expected. In such sectors the bulk of investment has to be made by public sector. Various Ministries from time to time formulate policies with regard to augmentation/improvement of infrastructure facilities such as power, telecommunication, transport etc. either through public action of private sector participation.

De-Recognition of Patel Chest Institute

113. SHRI P. NAMGYAL:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU:

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has recommended de-recognition of the courses at the patel Chest Institute, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received several complaints from the doctors of the said institute regarding functioning of the institute;

(d) if so, the details of the complaints made by the doctors and the steps taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the institute;

(e) whether half of the Faculty Members including the Director are from the non-clinical cadre;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to remove all the non-clincal staff from the faculty rather than de-recognition of the institution; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India has recommended de-recognition of post-graduate courses of V.P. Chest Institute, Delhi under Delhi University on the ground that a large number of faculty members are non-medical persons. the recommendations of the Medical Council of India are being considered.

(c) and (d) No complaints have been received from the Doctors of the institute regarding functioning of V.P. Chest Institute. However, a letter was received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signed by three honourable M.Ps. in which suggestions were made for appointment of a medical person as Director of the Institute; ensuring proper use of the existing equipment and available beds and conducting an enquiry for better utilisation of the institute. A committee constituted by the Ministry of Health & FW has given various suggestions for improving its clinical and laboratory facilities which has been brought to the notice of Delhi University and the Deptt. of Education.

(e) As per M.C.I. Inspection Report of November, 1995, some of the faculty including Director of the Institute belong to non-clinical cadre.

(f) and (g) The M.C.I. recommendation for de-recognition of Postgraduate degree and diploma courses at V.P. Chest Institute is under consideration.

[Translation]

Survey of Child Labour

114. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT:

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any survey to assess the existing child labour in the country;

(b) if so, the number of child labourers reported to have been working in the country during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 till date, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken for their rehabilitation;

(d) whether the number of child labourers is likely to be trippled by the year 2000 as per the recent assesment made by the Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (b) Authentic information on child labour is generated during